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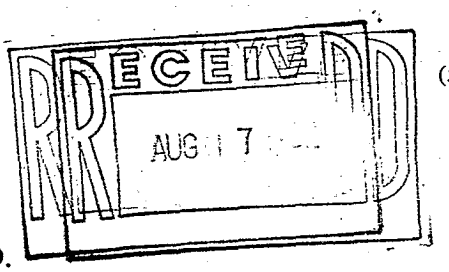


Harmon C. McAllister, Ph.D.
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Dear Dr.McAllister,

The relationship of STRUCTURE to FUNCTION is one of the most challenging problems facing cell and molecular biologists today.

To address this complex, timely and exciting issue, the Gordon Conferences will be hosting a conference in San Miniato, Italy, in May of 1993 entitled, "Biological Structure and Gene Expression". I am enclosing the program. This is going to be a truly international, multi-disciplinary conference addressing issues of fundamental importance in determining how biological structure and regulation of gene expression are related. The quality and diversity of the speakers are outstanding and should promote a stimulating cross-fertilization of ideas which should lead to new ways of addressing these fundamental problems.

At the present time, we have a guaranteed $15,000 Gordon Conference base support, which will by no means cover the costs. We have applied for funding from the Fondazioni Mariani and the ARES Serano Symposia in Italy. Whether we receive funding or how much, remains to be seen. To raise additional funds to cover the conference expenses, we must, therefore, hope that The Council for Tobacco Research, U.S.A. Inc. will consider our request for partial support. Any funding you could provide would be greatly appreciated, and, of course, would be fully acknowledged both in the program and during the conference. Alternatively, you can underwrite a session (which, also, would be acknowledged).

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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